

REMARKS

Claims 24-36 are currently pending in the application, wherein claims 1-23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by the above amendment. Claims 1-36 are subject to a restriction requirement, with claims 24-36 being drawn to semiconductor devices and hydrogen barriers for protecting ferroelectric capacitors, and with cancelled claims 1-23 being drawn to methods of fabricating semiconductor devices and hydrogen barriers. ***Applicants hereby elect claims 24-36 without traverse.***

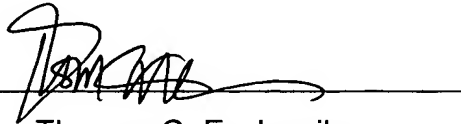
Examination of claims 24-36 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 20-0688, TI-36447.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: September 22, 2004


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